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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

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- b. ☒ Return Postcard
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